

To the Chairman and Members of the
Public Health Committee and of the Caterham & Godstone
Joint Hospital Board.

I submit herewith my Annual Report for 1941 made to the
Rural District Council of Godstone. It is in an abridged
form in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry
of Health.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J.R. BENTLEY,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1942.

Council Offices,

OXTED, Surrey.

1941.

TO THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GODSTONE,

THE LOCAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

I beg to submit herewith the abridged Annual Report for Godstone, compiled as instructed by the Ministry of Health, for 1941.

The Report includes:-

- (1) The Annual Report of the health and sanitary conditions of the District.
- (2) The Report of the District Hospital (Infectious Diseases).

SECTION 1.

Statistics of the Area.

Area in acres: 52,507

Resident population as estimated by the Registrar General for the mid-year 1941: 30780

Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1941 according to the Rate Books: 8,126

Rateable Value: £301.113

Sum represented by a 1d. rate: £1206.3.3.



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TABLE 1.

Parishes.	Area in Acres.	Rateable Value 31st Dec. 1941.	Population at Census 1931 of Parishes as Reconstituted.
		£	
Bletchingley.	5,813.	25,045	2,461.
Burstow.	4,750	17,056	1,905
Chelsham	2,703	11,263	1,209
Crowhurst	2,119.	2,146	1,303
Godstone.	5,670	36,870	3,102
Horne.	3,932	8,993	852
Limpsfield.	4,673	48,074	3,167
Lingfield.	9,239	48,598	5,214
Nutfield.	3,390	21,180	2,030
Oxted	3,658	63,433	3,799
Tandridge.	3,267	7,655	736
Tatsfield.	1,304	8,976	925
Titsey	1,939	1,824	163
Totals	52,507	301,113	25,866

VITAL STATISTICS.

TABLE 2.

		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Live Births	(Legitimate	409	224	185
	(Illegitimate	48	28	20
Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population = 14.84				
		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Still Births	(Legitimate	10	6	4
	(Illegitimate.	1	1	0

Rate per 1,000 total births = 24

Deaths: Males 197. Females 216. Total 413.

Death rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population = 13.4.

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and
child birth = 0.

From other causes = 1.

Death rate of infants under one year of age:

		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females</u>
Actual	{ Legitimate.	23	15	8
Number	{ Illegitimate	10	8	2

All infants per 1,000 live births = 72.21.

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live birth = 56.2.

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births = 208

Deaths from Measles (all ages) = 0

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) = 0

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) = 4

CAUSES OF DEATH 1941

TABLE 3.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Cerebro s Spinal Fever	1	1
Syphilis	2	1
Cerebro s Haemorrhage, etc.,	—	—
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	18	26
Influenza	3	5
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	5	7
Other Tuberculosis	0	0
Cancer, malignant disease	25	39
Diabetes	2	1
Heart Disease	62	56
Other circulatory diseases	5	5
Bronchitis	6	9
Pneumonia (all forms)	12	14
Other respiratory diseases	3	4
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	2
Digestive Diseases	4	8
Appendicitis	0	0
Congenital debility premature birth malformations, etc.,	13	8
Road traffic accidents	5	2
Suicide	1	0
Other Violence	9	1
Puerperal Diseases (not puerperal sepsis)	0	0
Other Maternal Causes	0	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	2	2
Whooping Cough	0	0
Acute Chronic Nephritis	2	4
All other causes	15	20
	<u>197</u>	<u>216</u>

TABLE 4.

Birth Rates, Death Rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death Rates and Case Rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1941	}	England and Wales, London, 126 Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns
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(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns)

Godstone Rural District.		England and Wales.	126 County Boroughs & Great Towns Including London.	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Population 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Administrative County.
<u>Rates per 1,000 Population.</u>					
<u>Births:-</u>					
Live		14.2 +	14.7.	15.4	8.9
Still		0.51 +	0.58	0.60	0.33
<u>Deaths</u>					
All Causes		12.9 +	14.9.	13.0	16.3
Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers	}	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Smallpox		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles		0.00	0.03	0.03	0.02
Scarlet Fever		0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Whooping Cough		0.00	0.06	0.06	0.04
Diphtheria		0.00	0.07	0.06	0.03
Influenza		0.25	0.19	0.20	0.15
<u>Notifications</u>					
Typhoid Fever	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
Paratyphoid Fever	0.06	0.09	0.12	0.09	0.05
Cerebro-Sprinal fever.		0.25	0.31	0.20	0.30
Scarlet Fever	2.78	1.47	1.49	1.51.	1.01.
Whooping Cough	3.79	4.39	4.37	4.50	3.50
Diphtheria	0.25	1.25	1.53	1.19	0.93
Erysipelas	0.09	0.30	0.36	0.27	0.50
Smallpox	0.00	-	-	-	-
Measles	12.24	10.33	8.27	10.47	4.77
Pneumonia	1.03	1.25	1.53	1.04	1.07

+ These rates are those published in the Quarterly return.

RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

	Godstone Rural District	England and Wales	126 County Boroughs & Great Towns including London.	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Population 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Adminis- trative County
Deaths under 1 yr. of age.	72	59	71	56	68
Deaths from Diarrhoea & Enteritis under 2 years of age.	0.12	5.1	7.5	4.6.	6.8

RATES PER 1,000 TOTAL BIRTHS (LIVE AND STILL).

Maternal
Mortality
(Excluding
Abortion)

Puerperal Infection.	0.00	0.48	} Not available.
Others.	2.1	1.75	
Total.	2.1	2.23	

Notifications:

Puerperal Fever	}	10.6	11.91	15.64	9.43	(2.29
Puerperal Pyrexia						(19.3
						(including Puerperal Fever.

Diphtheria Immunisation
see attached.

(Signed) J.R.Bentley,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION 2.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Annual Statement by Mr. A. H. Sewell, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

General Inspections.	716
Re-inspections.	353
Inspections under Housing Acts.	90
Re-inspections.	485
Drainage Inspections.	208
Inspections of Slaughter Houses.	7
Inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds	249
Number of Samples of Milk and Ice Cream	99
Inspections of Bakehouses.	15
Inspections of Factories and Workshops	26
Inspections of Tents, Vans etc.,	44
Drains tested by water.	38
Notices served:	
(a) Informal	250
(b) Statutory.	38
Complaints received.	107
Samples of Drinking water tested.	5
Samples of Drinking Water submitted for Bacterial and/or Chemical Analysis.	38
Disinfestation of Premises.	11
Complaints of Rat infestation forwarded to County Rat Officer.	24

SUMMARY OF REPAIRS.

Carried out under the supervision of the Public Health Department during the year as a result of Notices served.

TABLE 6

Dirty Houses cleansed and limewashed	43
Houses to which:-	
Internal repairs to plaster, etc., executed	42
Ventilation and lighting improved.	13
Defective windows repairs.	20
Dampness in walls remedied.	32
Dampness in floors remedied.	3
Defective roofs repaired.	40
Firegrated repaired or supplied.	6
Cooking ranges repaired or supplied.	6
Sinks repaired or supplied.	2
Sink waste pipes repaired.	7
Rain water pipes repaired.	14
Eaves gutters provided and repaired.	20
Floors repaired or relaid.	12
Yard paving provided or repaired.	7
Drains repaired.	13
Drains laid.	38
Choked drains opened and cleansed.	30
Cesspools cleansed.	55
Public water supply laid on.	1
New sanitary dustbins provided.	25
Flushing cisterns to W.C's repaired or supplied.	14
Miscellaneous nuisances abated.	31
E.C's converted to W.C's.	2
Defective coppers repaired.	6
Additional W.C.'s provided.	1
Food store provided or repaired.	1
Cesspools abolished and drainage connected to sewer	5
Cesspools provided.	2
Water service pipes repaired.	7
Overflow from cesspools cut off.	15
Underfloor ventilation provided.	1
Defective walls repaired.	9
Staircases repaired.	7
Water supply protected.	1
Defective chimnies repaired.	5
Weather boards to doors provided.	1
Pail closet structures repaired.	1
W.C. pans provided.	6
Verminous premises disinfected.	11

W.C. structures repaired.	6
Defective doors renewed and repaired.	7

Dairies and Cowsheds

New or improved drainage provided	1
Floors improved or repaired.	3
Yards improved.	2
Light and ventilation improved.	1
Cooling dairies improved.	3
Accumulations of manure removed.	4

SECTION 3.

HOUSING.

TABLE 7.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:

- 1 (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 230
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 402.
2. (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 90.
- (b) Number of inspections made for this purpose. 116.
3. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Nil.
4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 55

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of

formal Notices:

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its Officers. 42

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:

A. - Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. 13
- (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:
- (a) By Owners 12
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. Nil

B. - Proceedings under Public Health Act:

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 16
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:
- (a) By Owners 14
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. Nil.

C. - Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. Nil.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. Nil.

D. - Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of separate tenements or under-ground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. Nil.
- (2) Number of separate tenements or under-ground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. Nil.

SECTION 4.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

There were 94 wholesale cowkeepers, 101 retail cowkeepers and 15 milk purveyors on the Register on 31st December 1941.

Of these 10 were licensed by the Surrey County Council as producers of Tuberculin Tested Milk and 62 as producers of Accredited Milk.

(b) Food found on inspection to be unfit for human consumption.

Beef 128 lbs.
Mutton 2 lbs.
Bacon 51 lbs.
Fish 88 lbs.
Eggs 911
Cereals 1284 lbs.
Dried Fruits 175 lbs.
Butter 14 lbs.

(Signed) A.H. Sewell.

Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION 5

Report of the Local Authority's District Hospital
(Infectious Diseases) to 30th June, 1941.

Up to the 30th June 85 patients were admitted. Of these 74 were from the Rural District of Godstone and 11 from the Urban District of Caterham and Warlingham. The following table gives a list of these diseases:

<u>1941.</u>			
<u>GODSTONE DISTRICT.</u>		<u>CATERHAM DISTRICT.</u>	
Scarlet Fever	51	Scarlet Fever.	6
Chicken pox.	2	Measles.	1
Measles.	3	Measles and Pneumonia.	1
Diphtheria	3	Scarlet Fever & Chickenpox	2
C.S.Meningitis (net) ?	1	Poliomyelitis	1
Whooping Cough.	4		<u>11</u>
Observation.	2		
Dysentery	3		
Erysipelas	1		
Whooping Cough & Pneumonia	1		
Rubella.	1		
Influenza ? Scarlet Fever.	1		
Mumps and nasal Diphtheria.	1		
	<u>74</u>		

ADDITIONALLY THE 40 FOLLOWING CASES WERE ADMITTED TO EARLSWOOD ISOLATION HOSPITAL IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR:----

<u>GODSTONE DISTRICT.</u>		<u>CATERHAM DISTRICT.</u>	
Scarlet Fever	1	Diphtheria	2
Diphtheria	13	Measles	1
C.S.Meningitis	3	Measles and Pneumonia	2
Whooping Cough Bronchitis	3	Poliomyelitis	2
Measles	3		<u>7</u>
Typhoid ?	1		
Erysipelas	2		
Measles bronchitis	1		
Measles Pneumonia	1		
Dysentery	1		
Chickenpox	3		
Whooping Cough Meningitis	1		
	<u>33</u>		

COMPLICATIONS -----

ADENITIS 5. RHEUMATISM 2. ADVISED RE T's and A's 2.

DEATHS -----

BLETCHINGLEY ISOLATION HOSPITAL	-	1 Infective Endocarditis.
EARLSWOOD ISOLATION HOSPITAL	-	3 (Diphtheria 1 (Typhoid ? 1 (Meningitis 1

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the period January 1st to December 31st, 1941, a total of 2,128 children were immunised. The numbers were made up as follows:-

Under 5 years.	381.	Estimated percentage of child population immunised 15%
5 years to 15 years.	1747	Estimated percentage of child population immunised 26%.

